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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

DIETMAIER *et al.*

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a one-month extension of time for response, from January 20, 2004 to February 20, 2004 accompanies this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.